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BROKE INTO TEA STALL

DECEITFUL RAMSGATE YOUTH

A 17-year-old Ramsgate youth, Frank Ronald Lincoln, of Gable Villas, Crescent-road, was described to Ramsgate magistrates on Monday as "untruthful, sly and deceitful."

Lincoln was summoned for stealing 5s. in money and a quantity of cakes, value 9d., the money and property of Leslie Hobday, on 17th April.

He admitted taking the cakes but denied having had the money.

D/C Honey said that on 17th April he went to the Market and examined a tea stall, entry to which had been forced through an insecure window. Various articles were scattered about the floor and the manageress informed him that 5s. in money and some cakes were missing. When witness saw defendant on 28th April he at first denied all knowledge of the matter but later said "All right, I will tell the truth. I got in there but I did not take any money. I took four doughnuts." He then made a statement.

In this statement Lincoln said that on 17th April at about 12.40 p.m. he was waiting in Queen-street to see someone to whom he owed 3d. As that person did not turn up, he went down Queen-street towards the Market-place and as he passed by the tea stall he noticed that the window was slightly open. Seeing a glow of light coming from a gas ring he went to the stall, thinking that someone was still there, but found that it was shut. He knew that the manageress shut the stall about one o'clock and went to have her dinner.

Attracted by Doughnuts.

"I pushed the window open," the statement continued, "and in doing so, some articles, including a tin box, fell on to the floor inside. I looked in through the window and saw a plate of doughnuts inside which I could not reach, so I climbed into the stall and went straight to the doughnuts, putting about four into my pocket. I then stood on a chair which was inside and climbed back out through the window. I then left the stall and went down Harbour-street to the front, where I sat on a seat and ate the doughnuts."

Miss Ivy Kathleen Berry, of West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, manageress of the stall, said she locked up as usual when she left the stall at 12.55 p.m. on 17th April. When she returned at two o'clock she found the window was open. Things had been knocked from the shelves and the till was open on the floor. The till had contained a few coppers and the rest in silver. The following day she found 2s. in a jug in which she had some flowers.

Defendant said when he left the stall he closed the window after him.

Out of Control.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant could have been proceeded against for breaking and entering the premises. At Dover Petty Sessions on 10th April this year he was charged with stealing a pair of rubber boots and was placed on probation. His mother said he was out of control and neither she nor her husband could do anything with him. Police officers described him as a plausible liar.

Mr. B. K. Hemsley, Probation Officer, said a number of other cases were taken into consideration when defendant was bound over by the Dover magistrates. Since defendant had been under his supervision he had been very unsatisfactory. He had not reported to witness in spite of pressure which had been brought to bear on him.

"On one occasion he pawned his suit and spent the money at local cafe stalls," said Mr. Hemsley. "He is untruthful, sly and deceitful. I consider he needs greater supervision."

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the case would be adjourned for a month.

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Begs to inform his patrons that, having been called to join the Forces, his business will still be carried on in his absence as usual by his wife and usual staff.

TWO UMPIRES KILLED

MILITARY EXERCISE TRAGEDIES

Two Army sergeants, who were acting as umpires at exercises being held by another regiment, were fatally wounded at almost the same spot on successive days.

A lieutenant, who was also acting as an umpire, narrowly escaped with his life.

Verdicts of accidental death were returned in each case at inquests held by Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) on Friday and Saturday.

The first inquest, on Friday, was on Sgt. Dennis Thomas Smith, aged 22, a single man, whose home address was Walton-road, Overton, Surrey.

Capt. C. E. S. Perkins said that on Wednesday Sgt. Smith was detailed to act as an umpire at a military exercise. He had acted in this capacity on ten previous occasions. The exercise was being carried out by a battalion of another regiment. It was customary for the umpires to be drawn from another unit. Sgt. Smith was a first-class soldier, intelligent and keen and popular with all ranks of his battalion. He was one of the best sergeants in the company.

Capt. T. C. M. Hodges, who was also acting as an umpire at the exercise, said two platoons were firing at a target and Sgt. Smith was in charge of one of the sections. There were machine-guns in the rear, but they were not firing at the same target.

Standing Up.

Witness said he heard someone call out and then saw Sgt. Smith on the ground. Sgt. Smith said he had been hit. He was sent by ambulance to hospital. Sgt. Smith must have been standing up at the time he was struck. It was quite proper that he should have been standing up. It was possible for him to have been hit by a bullet from one of the machine-guns if it fell short.

Dr. D. P. Crawford said he saw Sgt. Smith on admission to hospital. He was very shocked and his condition was very bad all the time. He had a wound in the right of the stomach just below the ribs. An X-ray revealed a bullet in the abdomen. It had struck the backbone, bounced back and broken into two pieces. A blood transfusion was made and as a last resource an operation was performed. There were severe internal injuries. Sgt. Smith died three or four hours later from internal hæmorrhage and shock.

L/Cpl. H. McCree, who was in command of the section of which Sgt. Smith was acting as umpire, said there was no firing by the section before Sgt. Smith fell, although there was a lot of firing going on. He heard Sgt. Smith shout "stop." He then called for the medical officer and said he had been hit.

Complete Mystery.

Maj. B. J. F. Donlea said he had made full enquiries following the accident but the cause of the death of Sgt. Smith was a complete mystery.

Summing up, the Coroner said he was satisfied that Sgt. Smith died from a gunshot wound received during the course of the exercise.

"I thought," continued Mr. Robinson, "that I should sit here for the afternoon and still not know what actually happened. My anticipation has not been disappointed. I thought from the statements I received that it would be impossible to find out what happened. I think I can conclude that Sgt. Smith was killed by a bullet discharged during the course of the exercise. There is nothing to indicate that it was deliberately discharged. I think it is a reasonable conclusion to draw that he was killed accidentally."

The country, continued the Coroner, had lost a man who was a very good soldier.

"It is not for me to pass any comment on the danger of these exercises if the Army authorities have decided they are a useful form of training. It would be worth nothing if I did. What I do say is that if these exercises are necessary, every possible precaution should be taken to avoid loss of life. It may be every precaution was taken, but in this particular instance they did not prove effective."

Second Inquiry.

The inquest on Saturday was on Sgt. Leonard James Colston, aged 37, a married man, of Rising Sun, Orchard-lane, Alton, Hants.

Capt. F. A. B. Wallis said Sgt. Colston was engaged as an umpire at exercises on Thursday. Approximately 60 times previously he had acted in a similar capacity. He was a very efficient N.C.O.

Lt. R. G. W. Bush, who was also acting as an umpire at the exercises, said all the men were lying down but the umpires were standing up. Machine-guns were firing over the troops and a burst of fire appeared to fall short. Sgt. Colston then shouted out and fell to the ground. Witness called for the medical officer. Witness asked Sgt. Colston if he had been hit and he said he thought he had been winded. He was unconscious when he was removed to hospital.

Witness said he thought Sgt. Colston was struck by a bullet from the burst of fire from one of the machine-guns which fell short.

The Coroner: You must have had a very narrow squeak yourself as you were standing close to him.

Witness. Yes. I was lucky, sir.

Missing Bullet.

Dr. Crawford said Sgt. Colston was dead on arrival at hospital. Witness made a post-mortem examination. The only external mark was a small punctured wound in the region of the tenth rib on the left side of the back. He traced the course of the bullet through the left lung, stomach and liver. He was unable to find the bullet and it was not visible under X-ray before the post-mortem. It must have remained in the body. Death was due to internal hæmorrhage and shock.

The Coroner said that notwithstanding the fact that the bullet was not found in the body, he had little doubt that the bullet which killed Sgt. Colston came from a machine-gun. He did not wish to say anything beyond the fact, which was recognised by the responsible Army officers, that every precaution should be taken during such exercises. He did not think any precaution which could have been taken would have dealt with machine-gun bullets falling short by several hundred yards. It might have been due to faulty ammunition or bad marksmanship on the part of the machine-gunner. He was satisfied that death was accidental.

BROCCOLI THEFT ALLEGED

TWO RAMSGATE WOMEN SUMMONED

Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a fortnight a case in which Maud Mary Isaacs, aged 59, of Grange-road. and Florence Harris, aged 46, also of Grange-road, were summoned for stealing three heads of broccoli, value 1s., the property of the Executors of the late Ernest Edward Philpott, on 7th May.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said that on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Isaacs called at the police station and said that her husband had diphtheria and swabs had been taken from her own throat. She was advised by the constable not to attend court and had since sent a medical certificate supporting her statement.

SPECIAL EVENTS ONLY

WHITSUN DRINKS APPLICATIONS

Of three applications made to Ramsgate magistrates on Monday for an extension of the licensing hours at clubs at Whitsun only one was granted.

Mr. A. R. Young made application for an extension of the permitted hours by an hour—until 11 p.m.—on Saturday and Whit-Monday in respect of the 1914 Club and Northwood Social Club, and a similar application was made by Mr. J. H. Robinson in respect of the British Legion Club.

The application in respect of the 1914 Club only was granted.

Mr. Young said the 1914 Club had arranged definite social programmes for the two nights and had engaged a band to "make the party go." Many of the guests would be servicemen at present in the locality.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): They cannot pay for drinks.

Mr. Young: I think that is a good feature of the application. They will get their drinks for nothing.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said the police had received notification that the licensed victuallers were not this year making a general application.

Mr. Robinson said he was making an application in respect of the British Legion Club similar to that made by Mr. Young.

Mr. Knight: There seems to be some programme at the 1914 Club. Is the application in respect of the Northwood Club merely for drinking facilities?

Mr. Young said he believed some entertainment was being arranged but he was not in a position to give any details of it.

Mr. Knight: The bench do not feel disposed to grant the application because it is Bank Holiday alone.

In reply to Mr. Knight, Mr. Robinson said he did not know what programmes had been arranged for the Legion Club.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the application for the 1914 Club only would be granted.

FIRE IN STORE

Ramsgate N.F.S. were called out in the early hours of Sunday morning to a fire in one of the stores at the Military-road.

Two pumps turned out and the officer in charge was Company Officer Pritchard.

The fire was extinguished by the use of first-aid appliances and an escape had to be used to reach the seat of the fire.

BROADSTAIRS LOOTING CHARGES

Jump From Bathroom Window

RAMSGATE MEN SENT FOR TRIAL

Two young men who, detected in a house into which they had broken, jumped from an upstairs window to the ground, were committed for trial on a number of charges at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

Henry Frost, aged 26, and Frederick Horace Bodley, aged 17, both unemployed and living at West Dumpton-lane, Ramsgate, were charged on remand with breaking and entering Hamilton Lodge, Bishop's-avenue, Broadstairs, on 19th March, and stealing a quantity of articles, valued at £13 13s. 6d., the property of Mr. H. F. B. Iles.

Six further charges were preferred against them. Two alleged looting at Hamilton Lodge — stealing articles from premises which had been damaged by war operations, and entering premises in an area subject to enemy air attack with intent to steal.

Musical Box Missing.

They were also charged with breaking and entering Glendale, Salisbury-avenue, Broadstairs, in February, and stealing a musical box, value £3, the property of Miss Myrtle Clackett, and breaking and entering Marandellas, Fitzroy-avenue, Kingsgate, between 15th and 19th March, and stealing a quantity of articles, valued at £18 10s. 6d., the property of Sir Alec and Lady Martin.

In connection with both these premises there were further charges of looting—entering premises in an area subject to enemy air attack with intent to steal.

Defendants were committed for trial at the Kent Assizes and released on bail.

Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, said defendants were arrested in consequence of a report to the police in regard to Hamilton Lodge. On 19th March Mr. Parker, caretaker of the house in the absence of Mr. Iles, visited the premises and heard voices of two men inside. The men ran upstairs, jumped out of a window and got away. Mr. Parker was able to give the police a full and accurate description of them, with the result that the accused were arrested the same day.

Evidence with regard to the articles missing from Glendale was given by Miss Myrtle Clackett, a nurse, of Flint-row, Margate, who is tenant of the house.

Locked in Bathroom.

Mr. William Parker, of Stone-road, Broadstairs, said on the morning of 19th March he went to Hamilton Lodge and opened the front door with a key. When he entered the hall he heard movement and whispering inside. Witness walked in the direction from which the sound was coming and the two defendants then walked towards him. He said to them "Hullo, what are you doing here?" and one replied "Nothing, governor, only having a look round."

When witness told them they had better come outside, they ran upstairs and locked themselves in the bathroom. They then climbed out of the window and ran across a meadow towards Lanthorne-road. In the house witness found a bundle of clothes on a table in the hall.

Mr. Arthur James Tanton, of Kingsgate, gave evidence concerning the theft of property belonging to Sir Alec and Lady Martin.

D/C Self said that in an old hut not far from Bodley's house he found a bundle of clothing which he now knew to be part of the property missing from Marandellas. Bodley was taken to Broadstairs police station and charged with breaking into Hamilton Lodge and in reply he said "I was not in the Broadstairs area on the morning of 19th March. I was along the old railway cutting between the Haine Hospital and the Star lines with Henry Frost."

Find in Fields.

Later in the day Frost was charged with a similar offence and said "With Frederick Bodley to-day I broke into that house. The Lodge—the window up the rain-pipe—a small square one. I opened it and climbed through. We did not steal anything. Also with Bodley this week I got into a house at Kingsgate by pulling away sheet iron from a window and climbing through. We got the clothes shown to me. I admit several other houses which I will show you."

Later the same day Frost pointed out to witness and D/C Holl certain houses which he admitted entering, and among them were Glendale, Salisbury-avenue, Marandellas, Fitzroy-avenue, and Hamilton Lodge, Bishop's-avenue.

Witness said both defendants subsequently made statement admitting breaking into the three houses. Property which he now knew to have been stolen from Hamilton Lodge and Marandellas he recovered from fields in the vicinity of the houses.

When the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) announced that defendants would be committed for trial, Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., said bail would not be opposed as both prisoners had been helpful to the police.

National Savings.—National Savings in Broadstairs for the week ended 9th May amounted to £772, and comprised £277 in savings certificates, £165 in defence bonds and an increase of £330 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

STOLE SHELL CASES

BLEW UP RAT HOLE

A young man who tried to burn out a rat hole by setting light to the contents of four shell cases, which he had stolen, appeared before Ramsgate magistrates on Monday.

He was Albert Ernest Gore, aged 22, labourer, of Newington-road, Ramsgate, and he pleaded guilty to the theft of four 25-pounder shell cases and charges, the property of H.M. the King, on 27th April.

Defendant was represented by Mr. A. R. Young.

P/C Ashby said that at 8 p.m. on 29th April he saw defendant in Manston Court-road and told him he was making enquiries respecting a fire which occurred in a chalk pit the previous evening, and that he had reason to believe defendant was in possession of a number of shell cases. Defendant said he caused the fire by setting light to the contents of a machine-gun bullet which he found. He denied all knowledge of the shell cases. The following day witness recovered four shell cases from the pit in which the fire had taken place. He then again saw defendant, who said "I will tell you the truth about the whole matter."

The officer said defendant then made a statement in which he said that at about 1 p.m. on 27th April he went for a walk with a young lady friend. He asked his lady friend to wait for him while he went round to the back of a house and he pushed open a door which he found was held to by means of a full box of filled shell cases. He looked inside the room and found there were a large number of similar cases stored there.

Laid a Fuse.

"I had a look at the shells," the statement continued, "and took out four of them and placed them in two sandbags which I found under the sink. I then brought them away with me and met my young lady friend. We then walked across the fields towards Newington and on the way we passed by a threshing machine. I hid the two sacks containing the shell cases under the machine.

"Later the same day when it was getting dusk, I went by myself to the threshing machine and moved the shell cases in the bags and hid them in a hedge at the side of the house from which I got them.

"About 8 p.m. on 28th April I again went for a walk with my young lady friend. I picked up the shells from where I had hid them and we then walked across a ploughed field to a chalk pit. My friend came with me into the pit, but I do not think she took much notice of what I was doing. I saw a rat's hole in the pit so I decided to try and burn it out. I emptied the contents of the shell cases, picked the cordite to pieces and laid a long fuse, made by placing sticks of cordite together and leading it to the rat's hole, where I had placed the remainder. My young lady friend was at this time out of the pit. I then lit the end of the fuse I had made, which was about 20ft. long. I then got right out of the way and about four minutes later a large flame went up. I then picked up the empty cases and put them with the sandbags into a horse trough, and then came away and walked home with my lady friend."

After giving evidence on the lines of his statement, defendant was asked by Mr. Young why he did it.

"Just to be big, I expect," replied defendant. He stated that he had now got work at Betteshanger Colliery and could begin the following day.

A Prank.

Addressing the magistrates, Mr. Young said defendant was not as old as his years. Defendant had given him permission to say that his mentality was not that of a man of 22 and never had been. That was the reason he was not in H.M. Forces. The person who committed the offence must be considered as someone ten years younger. It was something a boy of 12 would have done and was committed with the same motives. Defendant said he did it to look big and it had to be remembered that he had a young lady with him at the time. He gathered from defendant that it was a prank.

About two years previously he was given the benefit of being sent to a place for the training of men of his type as a result of an offence he committed then. Both defendant and his mother were alarmed lest he should be sent back to the institution as he was extremely unhappy there. He thought what defendant needed was regular work and he now had that opportunity.

Defendant's mother, Mrs. Fuller, said the reason her son was not in the Army was because he was Grade 4. She agreed with what Mr. Young had said about him.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said he considered more supervision should be exercised over defendant.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the case was a very serious one but they were disposed to look on it in the nature of a lark on the part of defendant. The case would be adjourned for four weeks to see how defendant behaved himself.

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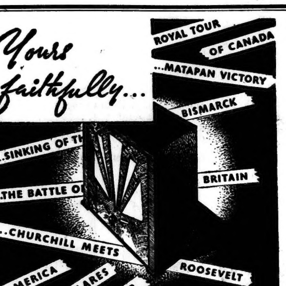

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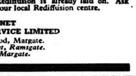

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STOLE FLOWERS FROM GARDEN

THREE RAMSGATE WOMEN FINED

Three married women from Ramsgate, who picked flowers from the garden of an unoccupied house, appeared before the magistrates at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

Daisy Quinton, of Thanet-road, Ramsgate, Lily Clayton, of Brunswick-street, Ramsgate, and Olive Ashby, of Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, were summoned for being concerned together in stealing growing flowers value 10s. from the garden of Gap House, South Cliff-parade, Broadstairs, the property of Mrs. Eleanor Mary Iles.

Mrs. Clayton pleaded not guilty, saying she never went near the garden, but the other two women admitted the offence.

P/S Enfield, K.C.C., said he was at Dumpton Gap at 3.15 p.m. on 23rd April when he saw a woman pushing a baby carriage up and down the road outside Gap House. Shortly afterwards he saw two women come from the garden of Gap House, carrying a large bunch of flowers. When they noticed that he was watching them the three quickly made off in the direction of Ramsgate. Cycling across a field, witness overtook them. They were not then carrying any flowers, but under the cover of the baby carriage, which Mrs. Ashby was pushing, he found daffodils and hyacinths, with two bulbs attaching to the hyacinths. He asked Mrs. Ashby where they came from and she replied "From a house along the road." She admitted that she had no permission to take them. In a basket carried by Mrs. Quinton was a small garden fork. When told they would be reported, Mrs. Quinton and Mrs. Ashby said "I didn't think we were doing any harm." Mrs. Clayton replied "I didn't go into the garden at all."

Witness added that he was between 300 and 400 yards away when he saw the woman outside the house and the others come from the garden.

Roots and All.

Bernard Walter Furborough, of South Eastern-road, Ramsgate, a gardener employed by Mrs. Iles, said he went to Broadstairs police station on 9th May and saw some flowers which were similar to those grown at Gap House. He found places in the garden where flowers had been pulled off, not properly picked. Many times in the past two years he had been to the garden and found that plants had been pulled up by the roots.

Neither Mrs. Quinton nor Mrs. Ashby had anything to say to the magistrates.

Mrs. Clayton repeated that she was walking up and down outside and never went near the garden.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): But you knew what was going on. You came over from Ramsgate with the others.

Mrs. Clayton: Yes, but we didn't have any intention of picking flowers when we came over.

The Magistrates' Clerk: Why did you go along the road?

Mrs. Clayton: We were just walking along that road. They saw the flowers and said something. They went in and I just waited.

In reply to further questions, Mrs. Quinton said her husband was a fire-watcher, earning only £2 a week, and the Magistrates' Clerk commented "It is news to me that you can get a man for fire-watching for £2."

Mrs. Clayton said her husband was an old-age pensioner, and Mrs. Ashby said her husband was employed at the gas works.

Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., said nothing was known against defendants. He added that the police were glad that the loser had decided to prosecute, for it enabled publicity to be given to the fact that people could not walk into the gardens of unoccupied houses to pick flowers. Such a warning was particularly important now, when railings in front of houses were being removed.

The Magistrates' Clerk: Not only from unoccupied houses. I speak feelingly.

In announcing that defendants would be fined 10s. each, the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson, C.C.) said he hoped they would understand that because a house was vacant, whether furnished or not, they could not go inside and trespass in the garden. He issued a warning that any future cases which came before the court would be dealt with more severely.

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COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS

REMISSION FOR MARGATE EVACUEES

The report of the Housing Committee, presented at a meeting of Margate Council on Tuesday stated that the Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. M. Cowan) reported generally on the payments being made by tenants of Corporation houses who have evacuated and left their houses furnished, and on an interview which he had with the Ministry of Health on the matter.

The committee recommended that evacuated tenants be charged as from 1st April, 1942, an amount representing 40 per cent. of the normal inclusive rental of their occupied houses and if such amounts be paid they be accepted in full settlement of their rent liabilities from that date. The arrears up to 31st March, it was recommended, should be carried forward on the tenants' rent books.

Councillor H. G. Pedder asked why the new arrangement was scheduled to begin on 1st April, 1942, and whether the same facilities were not available to the tenants as to other people in 1940 and 1941. It appeared that they were differentiating between their own tenants and other evacuated ratepayers who, in 1940, were asked to pay 50 per cent. of the rates on their unoccupied furnished houses, and in 1941 only 40 per cent., both in full settlement. It was not good business to pile up heavy debts against their tenants, and they would not be able to pay any more than other people.

Councillor W. J. Perkins, chairman of the committee, said the chief officials at the Ministry were very definite that no remission of rates could be allowed in any shape or form prior to April, 1942. They had to remember all the Ministry were doing to help the town.

In his report to the committee the Borough Treasurer stated that in one or two cases the full rent had been paid by tenants, but fully two-thirds of those who went away, leaving their furniture behind, had not paid anything. It was even difficult to ascertain the whereabouts of some of them. One-third had made some effort to pay approximately a third of the inclusive rent demands.

The recommendation was approved.

Tenders amounting in the aggregate to £2,026 18s. 6d. have been accepted for the painting of Corporation houses.

NEW RATION BOOKS

A great deal of man-power will be saved by the Ministry of Food when they distribute new food ration books which come into force on the 27th July.

The ration books will be handed out in much the same way as points ration books were. Collecting centres will be set up and one member of the household will go to the collecting centre with the old ration books **and the identity cards.** New personal ration books will be handed out at the collecting centres and the new main ration book will be posted on afterwards. But there are two points to remember:

1. All identity cards must be in order.
2. The reference leaf in your present ration book must not be torn out.

You need do no posting.

Sub-offices have been opened for your convenience and it will avoid congestion at the Food Office if you will make use of the office nearest your home.

ST. PETER'S MAN'S MANY JOBS

Pte. Stanley Norman Kemp, The Buffs, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kemp, of 6 Astor-road, Reading Street, St. Peter's, who was taken prisoner during the fighting in France, has had a variety of jobs as a prisoner of war.

Pte. Kemp, who is second from the left in the back row in the picture above, which he sent home, has worked in a sugar beet factory, as a builder and carpenter, and has also delivered coal to German housewives in towns surrounding the camp.

Recently he was transferred from Stalag XX A, where this photograph was taken, to Stalag XX B. He states that he is quite well and the dull monotony of camp routine is brightened by concerts organised by the men.

ASSESSMENT DIFFICULTY

NO STANDARD IN THANET TO-DAY

The difficulty in deciding on the assessment of property in Thanet owing to the conditions brought about by the war was referred to at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

Moving the adoption of the report of the Valuation Committee the chairman (Councillor Mrs. Giles) said the committee considered the assessments on seven altered properties without making any changes in the rateable value. Fourteen proposals for the amendment of rateable values were also considered, and the decisions resulted in a total reduction of £49.

Councillor S. W. Pearce referred to a paragraph in the report which stated that the committee gave instructions in regard to proposals received for amendment of values, and decided to make objection in 14 cases. He asked what was meant by the report, and whether something had been done hitherto which was not in order.

Councillor Mrs. B. M. Giles replied that Councillor Pearce was at the meeting of the committee and could have obtained a full explanation then if he wanted it.

Councillor Pearce said what he could not understand was that shopkeepers, public utility undertakings, etc., could obtain reductions in their rateable values through the committee, whereas householders had to go before the Assessment Committee to obtain any reduction because the Council recommended that there should be no reduction. Time and time again the Valuation Committee had properties brought before them which the occupiers said were not worth the rateable values which had been fixed, yet no change was recommended. When they went before the Assessment Committee, however, he vouched that nine out of ten were granted reductions because that committee dealt with the matter in the right way.

"Why should householders be punished," he asked, "whereas shopkeepers, public undertakings and even our own (the Council's) undertakings are having reductions granted them on account of the war?"

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said private householders had the same privileges as shopkeepers.

Councillor Pearce: No, sir.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said shopkeepers were granted reductions by the Rating Committee in consequence of reduced business. The whole matter was very involved and in a state of flux. No one could keep pace with the position, because there was no standard of assessment in Thanet to-day. If the rateable value of Thanet was altered 75 per cent. of the ratepayers would have to go to the Rate Relief Committee with a request to pay a lesser amount than that demanded by the reduced assessment. **Reductions of assessment did not solve the very serious incapacity of ratepayers to meet their demands.**

ORGAN RECITAL

MUSICAL TREAT AT ST. PETER'S

Those who heard the organ recital given by Mr. Bert French, A.R.C.O., at St. Peter's Church will often recall the music.

Sunshine streamed through the stained glass windows, seeming to harmonise with the spiritual beauty of the music. The works performed were varied and as a result of careful preparation and forethought, Mr. French used the organ to its absolute limits and capabilities.

Great brilliance was shown in the third movement of Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 5, the "Toccata" of Widor, and Grieg's "Triumphal March." It was in the lighter works, including a very lovely "Evening Melody," composed by Mr. French, that the full beauty of the quieter stops was revealed. The accompaniment to "Abide with me" was a masterpiece in expressive and sympathetic understanding.

Miss A. Marjorie Vyse, mezzo-soprano, gave a very fine rendering of both Schubert's "Ave Maria" (in which the piano, played by Miss K. Perry, L.R.A.M., added an effective harp-like accompaniment) and Liddle's "Abide with me."

The recital opened with very appropriate prayers by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and at the conclusion "Jerusalem" was sung. A retiring collection was taken in aid of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund.

The following was Mr. French's programme: "Sonata No. 5," Mendelssohn; "Cantilene Pastorale," Guilmant; "Toccata from the 5th Symphony," Widor; "Benediction Nuptiale," Hollins; "Minuet from Sonata in the style of Handel," Wolstenholme; "Cantilene," H. F. Watling; "An Evening Melody," Bert French; "Vilanella," John Ireland; "Triumphal March," Grieg.

THIS CONVOY SAILED IN SAFETY

STORY OF A CHANNEL TRIP

By HAMILTON KERR, M.P.

In the control room at Fighter Command a W.A.A.F. places a coloured disc on the map, showing that the convoy "Bacon" has just left an east coast port. Spitfires have been ordered to provide cover.

We hear the sound of their engines overhead almost as soon as our anchor chain has ceased to rattle in its socket. Our vessel is the balloon "Playship" of "Bacon." Brown, squat and sturdy, she was a pilot ship on the Scheldt before Germany invaded Belgium, and she has now made the trip through the Channel more than a hundred times.

As the convoy gets under way a fresh wind whips the green-brown water into white caps. Smoke rises from all the vessels, a motley armada of all types and tonnages, gathered together from many merchant navies and manned by sailors speaking many tongues. Overhead fly the balloons, all silver and serene majesty, like great court ladies of the period of Velasquez, performing a stately pavan with many bows and dips and gentle inclinations.

A destroyer dashes to the head of the column, bristling with as many defences as a porcupine, and her wash makes us roll so violently from side to side that we have to hold on to anything we can find.

A Test.

"Don't get the wind up," one of the officers says, "if you presently hear a lot of firing. Each ship of the convoy has to test its guns and we pass a wreck which makes a convenient target."

Sure enough in a few minutes we hear the sharp rattle of quick-firing guns. As we pass the wreck, a mere mast rising from the sea bed, our own guns open up. Tracer bullets hiss across the water, and splash all round the target like handsful of pebbles thrown by a child into a pond.

It is a lovely spring afternoon, so warm in fact that we sit on the deck without greatcoats, and tea is brought up. We laugh and say: "This is almost as good as a Mediterranean cruise. Why can't we be lounging in deckchairs and dressed in shorts?"

The droning of Spitfires overhead reminds us that we are sailing into danger, and the fact that we must constantly wear our lifebelts fully inflated. From time to time, also, white condensation trails appear across the blue gaps between the clouds, and our glasses immediately come out. Is it friendly, or some Boche reconnaissance plane reporting our position, the certain forerunner of trouble?

The sun begins to set in a great glow of light, and still our Spitfires pass backwards and forwards across the red sky. Then from out of the evening haze on the horizon suddenly appear dark shapes, like smudges of charcoal, which quickly resolve themselves into an escort of M.Ls.—added and welcome protection through the dangerous waters of the Channel. Signal lights begin to wink. We make a signal to another balloon vessel, giving her code name.

One of the M.Ls. gives the recognition signal, thinking that the message is intended for her. Luckily the intervening waters drown the oaths of her commanding officer.

As night falls, not a light shows from the convoy. Hanging over the rails, all you can see are a few shapes darker than the night—our immediate neighbours. Nobody may even smoke on deck. An intense silence falls, broken only by the faint throbbing from our engine, and the sound of the water beating against the vessel. From the coast of France comes a red glow. Are we blitzing the Channel ports?

There are no signs of searchlights or flak. No—it is only the moon, rising like a giant blood orange from behind a bank of cloud. It is hard to believe that over there lies enemy country, a strange and fearful land, whose oppressed people were once our allies before the days of the invasion.

Danger Ahead.

We were now entering the danger area. At any moment the great guns on Cap Gris Nez might open up on us. I pictured to myself the control room plotting our course, the guns slowly turning in their emplacements, the muzzles rising menacingly in the air, a word of command—a flash—a roar.

"If you see a red flash from the French coast," the C.O. said, "count 50 and then start to lie down. This will give you five seconds before the shell bursts when you have counted 55."

We watched for those red flashes from the French coast. The moon now shone in a cloudless sky, making a silver bridge to the French shore. The night was so warm and quiet that you felt that such a moon must come as a visitor from the warm waters of the Adriatic and the palace-lined canals of Venice. Still no flashes from the coast.

"Surely they are going to put up a show," somebody said. But the Germans had evidently decided to give us a free pass. Not even an E-boat appeared. Often these E-boats lurk near one of the buoys, waiting in silence, their engines shut off. Then as the convoy approaches they fire a shoal of torpedoes and make off in the darkness with a roar of engines.

"It's too bright to-night for E-boats," was the general opinion. "They're shy birds."

And so "Bacon" passed on its course through the bright moonlight. With the first light of dawn again came the sound of Spitfires overhead—a certain sign of the unfailing vigilance of the air force. We were now close to the shore. It looked so peaceful and settled—the towns with their piers, the small houses, each with their own garden, a church tower rising from among a clump of trees. Far ahead, on the distant horizon, a cluster of specks like a plague of locusts marked the balloon barrage defending the port of our destination.

Fast Trip.

We had almost reached the end of our journey. It was the fastest on record. Not a hitch had occurred. In distant control rooms efficient officers had settled every move to the last detail. For me this trip was a novel experience, for these men on the convoy an everyday event, just part of the war. As we each go about our work let us think of them. Often those red flashes come from the French coast and huge salvoes crash around their ship. Often the banging of pompoms breaks the silence of the night and tracers rise like a shower of sparks in the darkness as enemy bombers launch surface attacks. And these waters are the most mined in the world. The enemy mine-laying planes are never inactive. Every night their parachute mines splash into the water and lie in wait for unguarded vessels.

In spite of this, the men are always cheerful—no talk of depression here. If you ever feel downhearted, just talk to these men. No finer tonic exists. I shall not readily forget my experience on "Bacon." And remember there are "Bacons" going up and down our coasts every day.

TEMPLARS' ABSENT FRIENDS

Another succesful absent friends' evening was held in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, by the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., on Tuesday.

Mrs. O. E. Fennell, Chief Templar, presided and welcomed a number of visitors including Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Fairbrass, home from Stafford, Mrs. Caspell, Mrs. Hearnden and Mr. and Mrs. Horne.

Mrs. L. A. Ware, S.J.T., reported on the continued success of the work of the Diamond Jubilee Juvenile Temple.

The intercession service was impressively conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., after which messages were read from members and friends in all parts of the country expressing their admiration for the work of the lodge and their interest in the reports in the local press.

Messages were received from Mr. J. Rowe Brooks, M.B.E., G.C.T., Rev. P. W. James, O.B.E., R.A.F., Sgllr. H. McCabe, R.C.S., Miss E. Whitehead (Hearne), Mrs. W. Joyce (Tetbury), Mrs. F. Perry (Padbury), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Howell (Plumstead), Mr. C. J. Kent (Chesterfield,) Mrs. E. M. Kemp (Tetbury), Mrs. Sidney Smith (Tring), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vass (Rowling), Mrs. Young and Mrs. Coleman (Ash), Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Idle (Whitstable), Pte. E. Haslam, R.A.M.C., Mrs. E. Whibley (Shirley), Miss W. Smith (Chesterfield), Mr. and Mrs. A. Overton (Margate), Mr. and Mrs. A. Haggis (Maidstone), Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Hope (Stafford), Miss Britton (Stafford), Miss Martin (Stafford), Miss I. Vass and Mrs. M. Brunger (Goodnestone), Sgt. and Mrs. Codling, R.A.F., Flt. Lt. and Mrs. E. McCabe, R.A.F., and Mrs. and Miss H. Kennett (High Wycombe).

THE ENJOYMENT OF GOOD WINE

You cannot expect to indulge in a glass of wine as often as you did in pre-war days, since supplies are strictly limited. There is no reason, however, when the chance does come your way of buying a bottle or two of quality wine why you should not do so. If you are fortunate and the wine you are offered is of British origin—produced by Vine Products Ltd., of Kingston, Surrey, to be exact—the question of extravagance can be dismissed without a thought.

Point wines—the brand name under which these famous British wines are sold—are renowned for their quality, bouquet and character. They are the delight of connoisseurs and, owing to their reasonable price, just what we everyday folk can drink without regret, save when the bottle is empty and we are not certain when our wine merchant will be able to provide us with another.

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INFORMING PUBLIC OPINION

MARGATE LIBRARIES' PART

The part which Margate Public Libraries are playing in the creation of an informed public opinion is admirably demonstrated in the annual report for 1941-42, entitled "Reading in Margate," presented to the Town Council at its meeting on Tuesday.

In a foreword the chairman of the Libraries Committee (Alderman A. G. Hine) states:

"If out of the present world-wide conflict we are able to establish a new order, and if democracy is to be real and sound, then the people must be well informed intellectually and socially.

"Libraries are vital in war-time because they are essential to the functioning of a democratic society. It would not be exaggerating to say that neglect of the library may, today and to-morrow, seriously prejudice the democratic civilisation to secure which we are now fighting."

An analysis in the report shows that issues from the lending departments were in excess of those of the previous year by over 33,000.

"Books on the various phases of the war effort were in particular demand," continued the report. "This is a good sign, for at a time when public opinion can be of decisive influence it is important that it should be well-informed. In this war ideas have had such a potent effect that countries have been undermined and defeated before fighting started. It is therefore our bounden duty to see that truth shall prevail."

Only the Best.

During the year 2,814 books were added to the libraries at an average cost of 3s. 6d. each. Although every effort was made to ensure that the lowest possible price was obtained, the main criterion in adding to the libraries was not that of cost but of value. In other words, only the best book of its kind was selected—any other book was dear at any price.

"Owing to the difficulties of 1940," continued the report, "adequate attention was not given to the stock during that year. Nor was it possible to remedy this entirely during the year under review as the demand was found to be outstripping the supply. Not only that, but the book trade itself was faced with difficulties of production. The amount of paper used by the book trade is estimated, in war-time, to be about one per cent. of the total consumption. This can hardly be thought excessive yet, even so, the Paper Controller has an urge, from time to time, to cut even this meagre amount. **Nevertheless it would seem from the countless number of forms and memoranda that pour out daily that here surely is a more profitable field for further rationing."**

The report also deals with the branch libraries at Westgate and Birchington. The Children's Library was closed for the year under review. Nevertheless the demand for children's books increased and consequently considerably increased space was allotted to the children in the adult library towards the close of the year.

In conclusion the report, which is signed by the Librarian (Mr. G. E. Clarke) states:

Means to an End.

"The war value of libraries has received its due appreciation. Yet after all, war is but the continuation of politics by other means. If libraries are of value in war-time, how much more so when peace comes. Mr. S. P. B. Mais, writing of the arts in war-time, puts the matter succinctly—'The war has jockeyed a good number of us out of a state of contented sloth. We find almost without realising it that our interest in art, science, thought and in religion is quickened.'

"Libraries are not an end in themselves. They are the means to a richer, fuller, life. Nor is this a selfish end, for it is essential if we are to maintain and increase our respect amongst the countries of the world."

At Tuesday's meeting of the Council Councillor S. W. Pearce congratulated the committee on the report and said the libraries were undoubtedly greatly appreciated. The figures showed that the remaining burgesses were using the facilities to the fullest extent. He regretted that the technical and educational books were not used so much as they should be.

Alderman Hine said the increase in the number of issues by 33,000 over the previous year was a healthy sign of the use of the library for adult education. There were very few juvenile issues included in the statistics. As it was the year of the Atlantic Charter he felt that his foreword was justified, for with the best will in the world they could not implement such a charter unless the state of the mind of the people was intellectually suited to understand what was embodied in that charter.

Looking Ahead.

The increase in the issues of books showed that the libraries were doing some good and helping people to prepare their lives for the time when the present struggle was over.

Seventy per cent. of public library authorities, said Alderman Hine, were spending more on books now than before the war, which was a sign that libraries were serving a good purpose. By judicious selection, however, and buying in the cheapest way, Margate was maintaining its stocks and efficiency for £1,000 less than in pre-war days. The committee were still studying economy and by a re-arrangement of the work and rooms the consumption of electricity for the March quarter was 1,000 units less than in the corresponding quarter last year—500 against 1,500.

"If that example were copied by all departments," added the alderman, "there would be no need for rationing."

RAMSGATE TRADER'S DEATH

FUNERAL OF MR. F. HALL

The death occurred last week at his home, Providence House, Church-road, Ramsgate, of Mr. Frederick Hall, who had carried on a wholesale confectionery business in the town for many years past.

Mr. Hall, who was 78 years of age, started his career as a pastry cook and after working in various parts of Kent and Sussex, settled down in Ramsgate as a young man.

Mr. Hall was predeceased by his wife about five years ago. His eldest son, Fred, is licensee of the Red Lion Hotel, Wingham, and two other sons are managers serving with N.A.A.F.I.

The funeral took place on Thursday at Ramsgate Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth.

The mourners were Messrs. F. H. and L. Hall (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Warden and Mr. H. Finch.

Floral tributes were received from: Fred, Ethel, Freddie and Jeane; Harry, Edie and Pam; Lu and Cis; Mr. and Mrs. Warden; Mr. and Mrs. Maskell; Mr. and Mrs. Uden; Mr. and Mrs. H. Finch; Mr. and Mrs. F. Ellis; Neighbours.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

MR. ARNOLD G. MASON

FUNERAL OF BROADSTAIRS CHURCH SECRETARY

Mr. Arnold G. Mason, for the past six years secretary of Queen's-road Baptist Church, Broadstairs, passed away at his home, 36 St. Mildred's-avenue, Broadstairs, at the age of 74 years.

When he retired from a firm of map producers at Stoke Newington in 1935, Mr. Mason came to live at Broadstairs.

For many years Mr. Mason was associated with Shoreditch Tabernacle and for 20 years was a member and deacon of Downs Chapel, Clapton. He was editor for eight years of the church magazine at Clapton.

Following a service at Queen's-road Baptist Church on Thursday the interment took place at St. Peter's Churchyard, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie.

The mourners were the widow (Mrs. R. E. Mason), Mr. E. Mason (brother), Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Apps (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. H. I. Hartley (nephew), Miss E. Hartley (niece), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bartholomew and Mrs. R. Luff.

PRESUMED KILLED

MISSING OLD ST. GEORGIAN

Reported missing last August, Sgt. Plt. William Royston Fisher, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fisher, of Glenmere, London-road, Ramsgate, at present living at Luton, Beds., is now presumed to have been killed.

An old boy of St. George's Central School, Sgt. Plt. Fisher was engaged in the accountancy department of Ramsgate Olympia Ltd. prior to joining the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in July, 1940.

He had taken part in operations over enemy-occupied territory.

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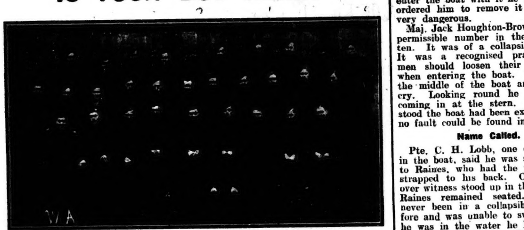

A number of Thanet men are housed in the German prison camp Stalag XX B.

This picture has been sent home by Pte. A. C. Bryant, The Buffs, of 32 Chatham-street, Ramsgate, who is fourth from the left in the front row. Taken prisoner during the fighting in France, Pte. Bryant has recently been engaged on farm work. Prisoners enjoy this work for they have greater freedom and return to camp with a full stomach.

TEN MEN THROWN INTO STREAM

SOLDIER'S TRAGIC DEATH

ACCIDENT DURING EXERCISE

Hampered by a wireless set which was strapped to his back, a young soldier was drowned when a collapsible boat in which he and nine other men were crossing a stream unaccountably sunk.

His nine comrades managed to reach the bank in safety.

The man who lost his life was Gnr. Arthur Headly Raines, R.A., aged 23, whose home was at Devonia, Haynes-road, Westbury, Wilts.

A verdict of "Death by Misadventure" was returned by the East Kent Coroner (Mr. Rutley Mowll) at an inquest at Minster.

Describing the incident, Lt. Ronald K. Karr said that on the night of 6th May Raines was acting as a signaller and was carrying a wireless set. When witness last saw Raines he was packing up the wireless set on the bank of the river and would normally carry it strapped to his back. It was not until after the accident that he discovered the man was in the boat with him. It was very dark and they were in a crouching position in the boat for greater safety. There were ten men in the boat, the complement being about nine. The water was calm but the current was very strong.

Sank by the Stern.

The boat, said Lt. Karr, was propelled by two men paddling, one in the bows and one in the stern. When they were a few feet from the opposite bank it was suggested that there was a better landing about ten yards further down. Suddenly the boat sank by the stern for no apparent reason. They were all thrown into the water very close to the bank. Witness swam two or three strokes before he was pulled out. Arriving at the bank, it occurred to him that Raines might have been in the boat. He called out his name but received no reply. He believed that as the bows of the boat went into the bank the stern went down, but he was not sure. There was no regulation which forced Raines to carry the wireless set on his back. If he had seen him enter the boat with it he would have ordered him to remove it as it was very dangerous.

Maj. Jack Houghton-Brown said the permissible number in the boat was ten. It was of a collapsible nature. It was a recognised practice that men should loosen their equipment when entering the boat. He was in the middle of the boat and heard a cry. Looking round he saw water coming in at the stern. He understood the boat had been examined and no fault could be found in it.

Name Called.

Pte. C. H. Lobb, one of the men in the boat, said he was sitting next to Raines, who had the wireless set strapped to his back. On the way over witness stood up in the stern but Raines remained seated. He had never been in a collapsible boat before and was unable to swim. When he was in the water he heard someone calling out "Gnr. Raines" and thought it was Raines calling his own name.

Pte. C. Cassidy, one of those paddling the boat, said he had made several crossings before and the boat had behaved all right.

P/C Ansell, K.C.C., said that at 11.30 a.m. on 7th May he went to the river bank, close to the sewage farm, with Lt. Karr. At 1.45 p.m. they recovered the body by dragging. The wireless set was strapped to the body, which was fully dressed, including an overcoat. There was no sign of injury on the body.

Dr. Robert James Harris, who saw the body in the evening of the same day, said there was no sign of external injury and Raines showed all the usual symptoms of death by drowning. There was mud and water in the nose, ears and mouth.

Capt. Charles F. J. Barker said he was assisting in the embarkation arrangements. In every case where he saw a man carrying heavy equipment he ordered him to loosen it. But as he crossed in the next to the last boat he did not notice Gnr. Raines, who was in the last.

The Coroner said the cause of the sinking of the boat was not cleared up, but no blame could be attached to anyone. It was obvious that Raines had no chance with the heavy wireless set strapped to his back.

IS IT BLACKMAIL?

Councillor's Protest

OFFICIALS WHO TAKE BETTER JOBS

A suggestion that the Government should step in and stop competition between towns which caused local government officers to leave their employment because they could obtain better salaries elsewhere was made by Councillor L. Munro Cobb at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

Councillor Munro Cobb was protesting against a recommendation that the salary of the Town Sergeant (Mr. R. F. Walbourn) should be increased from £250 to £260 per annum.

Mr. Walbourn, he said, was an exceptionally good Town Sergeant but he felt bound to oppose the resolution because he felt the present was not the time for giving increases.

Most of the ratepayers in Margate were living on much reduced incomes and some had no incomes at all.

"It does not seem fair that these increases should continue to take place," continued Councillor Cobb. "The other day a trader was fined heavily for overcharging for bread by a farthing. Why should the ratepayers have to pay for overcharging of labour? All our municipal employees are getting a bonus on their pre-war salaries and that should be sufficient to meet the case. They should share the burden of these trying times the same as the rest of us are doing."

The recommendation was approved without further comment.

Attracted by Higher Salaries.

Young officers who left the town to take up better appointments were also criticised by Councillor C. W. W. Hansen.

The report of the Waterworks Committee stated that Mr. H. A. Bromley, distribution superintendent, had been released to take up an appointment with Epsom and Ewell Corporation. A month previously the assistant water engineer left to take up another position.

The Waterworks Committee recommended that the post vacated by Mr. Bromley should not be filled at the present time but that applications should be invited for the appointment of a temporary assistant water engineer at a commencing salary of £300 per annum.

Councillor Hansen said he considered the time had arrived when they should put a stop to minor officials running away in that manner.

"It is an ugly word to use," he said, **"but it amounts to something like blackmail."**

The men were attracted by higher salaries offered by authorities who were in a better position than Margate. The Council, he contended, should exercise the authority they had to prevent any other officers from leaving.

Alderman W. C. Redman expressed the hope that the Council would not take that view. "I know it is a serious thing when officials leave us in these times, but I would like to ask the previous speaker whether he has not, at some time in his life, felt impelled to move on to a better job. These men have the same rights as we ourselves, and they have to look out for themselves and look to their future position in life."

He understood Mr. Bromley would better himself considerably. They had to take a broad view. Although it was most inconvenient to have to look for fresh men, they could not expect a man to say that for patriotic motives he would stay and not take a better job. Officials receiving big salaries might be able to afford to do that, but not the lower paid officials. They had their families to think about and he did not consider it was unpatriotic of them to move. If the Government wanted the men to stay where they were they should peg them down and pay them accordingly, making it worth their while to stop. As a Council they should not put anything in the way of a man who wanted to better his position.

Dead Men's Shoes.

Councillor W. Curtis emphasised that throughout the local government system men had, to a great extent, to wait for what was commonly called "dead men's shoes"; they had to wait until a vacancy occurred through death or retirement. If a man wished to get on, he said, he had to take a higher appointment before he was too old. In making their own appointments in Margate they had engaged the younger men, providing they had the qualifications, on account of the superannuation scheme.

"Our men have their lives and their families to think about," said Councillor Curtis, "and it is no use them hanging on in a spirit of patriotism, which might wreck their future. If they leave it too late they will be like capable men who have applied to us—nothing against them except their age. We have no right to interfere with these men. It is not blackmail to try to get on in life."

Explaining the position in regard to Mr. Bromley, Alderman E. S. Linington said he was among certain officials of the Corporation who were reserved. He applied for a position, and the committee felt they should exercise their powers by asking that he should be compelled to remain with them, for he was an important man and his place would be difficult to fill. The committee were informed that his removal to another district would be objected to by the Ministry of Health, but Mr. Bromley exercised his right of appeal and he won.

The committee's report was adopted.

WINTER GARDENS CLAIM

COUNCIL THANK FORMER OFFICIAL

The work of Mr. John Saxby, former Entertainments Manager, in preparing the war damage claim in respect of the Winter Gardens was acknowledged at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

Damage to furniture and equipment as a result of enemy action has been agreed at £3,813 12s. 2d.

Alderman E. S. Linington said the settlement had been brought about largely by the help and good offices of Mr. Saxby. Although Mr. Saxby had retired he had worked as hard for the Corporation and the ratepayers as he ever did when he was a paid official, and it was largely through his expert knowledge of the furniture and equipment that there had been such a satisfactory settlement. It was only right that tribute should be paid to the services which he had freely given.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) corroborated Alderman Linington's remarks and said Mr. Saxby spent many hours in preparing the claim.

UNFOUNDED RUMOURS

RAMSGATE FAMILY SAFE AFTER EXETER RAID

Following the raids on Bath and Exeter, a number of rumours were circulating in Ramsgate concerning local people who since the war have gone to live in the west of England.

One rumour concerned Mr. C. Crocker, formerly in business as a fruiterer at Ramsgate Market, together with members of his family, who are at present living at Exeter.

His friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Crocker has written stating that he and the members of his family are well.

BIG FARM FIRE

BUILDINGS GUTTED AT MINSTER

SMART WORK BY N.F.S.

One of the advantages of the reorganisation of the separate fire brigades into the National Fire Service was demonstrated in Thanet last week when a big fire broke out at Thorne Farm, near Minster.

The N.F.S. system of mobilising pumps was quickly brought into operation and in all eight pumps were employed.

Unfortunately the fire, fanned by a strong wind, had a considerable hold when the pump from the Newington station arrived on the scene, and a number of buildings in the farmyard, together with two stacks and a century-old barn were destroyed.

Smart work by the firemen, assisted by soldiers and farm labourers, prevented the fire from spreading to the farmhouse, although a row of trees in front of the building caught light.

Thorne is farmed by Mr. Archie Montgomery.

On arrival the leading fireman from Newington decided immediately that further assistance was necessary, so great a hold had the flames. A second pump was despatched from Newington and others from Minster, Ellington and the main station at Ramsgate.

Column Officer Watson was the senior officer in charge, assisted by Company Officer Pritchard.

In order to deal with the fire it was necessary to set up a water relay over a distance of approximately three-quarters of a mile. After a short time this was able to supplement the jets which were being operated from a nearby hydrant.

Column Officer Ruxton was responsible for the relay.

When the fire was at its height sparks were flying in all directions and a number of firemen had holes burnt through their tunics. Several men were engaged throughout the time while the main fire was being fought in extinguishing the sparks which were flying in the direction of the farmhouse and some thatched barns.

Materials were salvaged from some of the blazing buildings but a considerable amount of materials and farm equipment and machinery were destroyed.

By 4 p.m., two hours after the outbreak, the fire was well in hand but to make sure that no light was visible after darkness fell, firemen remained on duty at the farm until a late hour and the last pump did not return to its station until 11.37 p.m.

BOMBED AREAS

PLANNING POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT

It was stated at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday that it was hoped to be able to take steps to reserve for development after the war certain sites in the town which had been bombed by the enemy.

The report of the Finance Committee stated the committee had been informed by the Borough Treasurer of action which might be taken in an area in the old built-up part of the borough to control building operations which were rendered necessary as a result of damage due to enemy action, and of the financial obligations involved.

The committee recommended that the Town Clerk should make representations to the War Damage Commission in regard to the reservations required in certain areas.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said the committee had considered sites in High-street and in the neighbourhood of King-street, but there was a little difficulty in regard to the financial side of the question, as they could not commit future councils to any expenditure.

The owners of the damaged property were compensated by the War Damage Commission, said the Mayor, but if the Corporation required the sites they would have to pay for them. Whereas the sum of money involved at present was not very large, there was a serious principle involved, and the whole question was being submitted to the Government department concerned.

GAIETY AND ROMANCE

NEW JOAN BLONDELL AT ODEON

Gaiety and romance are the keynotes of this week's programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate.

Combining the talents of two top-flight stars, "They Met in Bombay," which heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, brings Clark Gable and Rosalind Russell to the screen in a stirringly romantic melodrama set in the Far East. Against this exotic background this talented pair first clash in a battle of wit and resources, then combine forces when their fate becomes involved with a key situation in international affairs. Rarely does a story offer such challenging opportunities and dramatic sweep as this in which Gable and Miss Russell, their versatile talents given full rein, contribute performances of imposing stature. Also being shown is "Too Many Blondes," with Rudy Vallee and Helen Parrish.

Joan Blondell, famous for her many characterisations in light comedy roles, is given a chance to display her talent and versatility in a more dramatic type of entertainment in "Lady for a Night," chief feature for the latter part of the week. She portrays a gambling ship hostess. In the role of a picturesque and fascinating gambler is John Wayne, who is passionately in love with Joan and manages to get her elected as queen of the annual carnival ball, despite the local aristocracy who treat her as an outcast. Realising that the whole affair is a farce and that she is accepted only on sufferance, Joan determines to break into society. The subsequent battle between herself and her snobbish in-laws provides most of the story, highlighting on a dramatic murder, her arrest for the crime and ultimate acquittal in sensational circumstances. "Sing Another Chorus," with Jane Frazee, Johnny Downs and Mischa Auer, will also be shown.

THANET HOSPITALS' CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME

As from Friday next the temporary office of the Ramsgate and Broadstairs sections of the Thanet Hospitals' Contributory Scheme in Stafford will be closed.

All enquiries should now be addressed to the head office, 8a Queen-street, Ramsgate. Members in Broadstairs and St. Peter's can pay their contributions at 71 High-street, Broadstairs, each day, except Saturday, between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m.

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STARS NEW AND OLD

SHIRLEY TEMPLE AT KING'S

A new star, and the return of an old star are to be found in this week's programmes at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate.

"The Chocolate Soldier," which heads the bill to-day and to-morrow, presents Nelson Eddy in a gay, romantic role, and introduces Rise Stevens, a new singing star. Not only does the picture give Eddy's voice full range with a wide variety of songs, but it gives him a part ideally suited to him, as a young singer and husband determined to find out whether or not his wife loves him and him alone. Their harem-scarem domestic life reaches its climax when he masquerades as his own rival. A notable addition to this musical extravaganza is the glamorous personality and brilliant voice of Rise Stevens, famous for her portrayal of the fiery Delilah in "Samson and Delilah" at the Metropolitan Opera. Also being shown is "Fingers," with Clifford Evans and Leonora Corbett.

Now a grown-up lady of 12, Shirley Temple returns to the screen in "Kathleen," chief feature for the latter part of the week. The story gives the noted child star every opportunity for revealing her versatilitiy and acting skill. Cast as the daughter of a rich widower, too engrossed with his business and private life to pay her more than scant attention, Kathleen turns for sympathy to a friendly shopkeeper to whom she confides her dreams of happiness. Subsequently, when the father becomes engaged to a superficial and calculating woman, the child runs away. It is the introduction to her home of a discerning child psychologist who inadvertently breaks up the father's engagement that brings about a solution to Kathleen's problems. Herbert Marshall and Laraine Day have leading parts. "Here Comes Happiness," with Mildred Coles and Edward Norris, will also be shown.

LILLYWHITE—BARTINGALE

SAILOR WEDS WREN AT ST. LAWRENCE

The wedding took place at St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, last week, of Ldg. Smn. Thomas Gordon Lillywhite, R.N.V.R., of Ramsgate, and Miss Gladys Rose Bartingale, W.R.N.S., of Cheriton-avenue, Ramsgate.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white crepe dress with veil and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of red and pink carnations. Her maid of honour, Mrs. E. Fisher, wore a maroon-backed floral dress, with headdress to match, and carried a shower bouquet of mauve and yellow tulips.

The Rev. A. H. Culmer conducted the service and the duties of best man were carried out by Mr. W. F. Stone, cousin of the bridegroom.

A reception was afterwards held at St. Benedict's Hall, Cheriton-avenue.

PROUD MOTHER

RECEIVES AWARD TO SON

It was a proud moment for Mrs. E. D. McDonald, of 2 West Cliff-villas, West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, when she went to the Mansion House recently to receive from the Lord Mayor an award made to her son.

John McDonald, aged 19, an old boy of Chatham House School, had been awarded the certificate of good conduct given by the Prince of Wales Training School for the year 1941-42, but he was unable to receive it personally as he had just entered the Royal Navy.

John was formerly in the Merchant Navy and while making his first trip across the Atlantic his ship was torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat. Many of the crew were killed or died from exposure but John was among a number of men picked up by a corvette.

ST. DUNSTAN'S WEEK

WARDENS TO COLLECT IN RAMSGATE

Every soldier, sailor, airman, policeman, fireman, merchant seaman or civil defence worker, if blinded while on duty, is helped by St. Dunstan's. The war has thrown a great strain on this noble institution and funds are urgently needed to enable it to continue its good work.

This week is St. Dunstan's Week at Ramsgate and the wardens service, on behalf of all civil defence personnel, have agreed to conduct a house-to-house collection.

A letter signed by Sir Ian Fraser, chairman of St. Dunstan's, is being delivered at each house and the wardens will make a further call to collect contributions.

Appeals are being made through the churches and on the screens of the two cinemas.

The total of 68 convictions obtained by the R.S.P.C.A. during April showed a decrease of 24 compared with the previous month. The number for April last year was 74.

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

A painful human document, describing the pitiful conditions to which a Ramsgate man serving in The Buffs has been subjected as a prisoner of war by the Germans has been forwarded to the Mayor (Alderman T. S. Chayney) by the soldier's mother, who lives at Winstanley-crescent. He writes: "There are nearly two hundred of us here and we are locked in a small room. They are slowly starving us. We are getting one slice of bread a day and a drop of coffee; well, I call it coffee because it is supposed to be, but it is just coloured water with no sugar or milk in it, and it is a very small piece of bread we are getting at that. They are giving us the privilege of telling the truth so I think they want our people to know they are treating us like this. Dear Mum, you must excuse my bad writing as I am as weak as a kitten and can hardly walk about. We are being kept at this place as a retaliation. It is because German prisoners of war are supposed to be working close behind our firing line, so as long as it goes on we are to stop here, and that is the reason they are allowing us to write like this. Perhaps Dad would send this letter to somebody so that they could see into this."

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Flt. Cmdr. Capt. Andrew Ball, D.S.O., M.C., who is reported missing, is credited with a fine achievement in connection with a raid near Thanet last year. News came to him that a raid was in progress, and though he was a visitor to the spot he hurried to an aerodrome and borrowed a machine that was quite new to him. Getting away with remarkable speed, he shot over the water and the official reports on the following day stated that the raiding machine was brought down just before reaching the coast of France. The Air Service fondly hopes that he has shared the experience of Capt. Leefe Robinson and is a prisoner of war.

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Lt. C. A. Witts, of Ramsgate, sends home a brief but terse account of the fighting he had taken part in while attached to a Regular Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment in the eastern theatre of war. We have had an awful time, he says. My pack was riddled with bullets; one went through my cigarette tin, my pocket book, and my silver flask was smashed to pieces. I think it is perfectly marvellous that I was not hit. With five of my men I took cover behind a dead horse, and that saved us.

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We regret to record the death, which occurred on Saturday afternoon at Ramsgate General Hospital, of Mr. John Wotton, of Elmfield, North-avenue, The Elms, Ramsgate. The deceased gentleman was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton and was recently elected a member of Ramsgate Town Council.

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We understand that Dr. Hugh M. Raven is leaving Broadstairs very shortly for military service with the R.A.M.C. He will be the third Broadstairs doctor to don khaki, the others being Dr. A. E. Pinniger and Dr. J. N. Robins, who have been on service for some considerable time.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

MOST WORRIED OFFICIAL

"We think it is high time," says a north country contemporary, "that the Town Clerk of Sunderland were relieved of the distinction of being the most worried official of his rank in any municipality." Not so fast, O scribe! Ye have not heard of the Town Clerk of Royal Ramsgate, otherwise the questionable honour of being the most worried official in the country would not have been so readily awarded. From what we can learn, the badgering of Sunderland's Town Clerk is mild indeed compared to the continuous annoyances to which Mr. Hubbard has for so long been subjected. Not merely content with badgering him, three or four of the members on Tuesday combined together to effect the dismissal of that official. With an overwhelming majority of 16 of the Council against them, however, they did not succeed in their object; as a matter of fact nobody expected they would. It was only another phase of the ceaseless badgering to which the Town Clerk is subjected, and proved so exceedingly obnoxious that even one of the minority rebelled and voted on the other side.

BREAKING WITH SANDWICH

At the same meeting of the Council Councillor Poole moved "That the Council do petition the Queen to grant to the Borough of Ramsgate a separate Commission of the Peace and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the same by the Mayor." Councillor Poole said the relation of the borough to Sandwich was anomalous. When first established it was a natural and just relationship, considering the position of the two boroughs; but Ramsgate had considerably outgrown the other borough and become a place of greater importance. The anomalous position was very evident from the fact that the magistrates of Sandwich had jurisdiction in Ramsgate. There were actually four authorities exercising magisterial authority in Ramsgate, and the magistrates of Sandwich had exclusive authority to issue and regulate licenses for the borough. The resolution was agreed to.

TRADES HOLIDAY

Ramsgate Council have adopted the following resolution moved by Councillor Richford: "That the Council invite and request the burgesses to set apart the third Wednesday in June as an annual general holiday."

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The public counter at the head post office, Ramsgate, will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Broadstairs branch office from 9 to 10.30 a.m. Telegrams will also be accepted at the side door of the Ramsgate head office from 5 to 7 p.m.

Town sub-offices will be closed.

TUNNEL LIGHTS

A notice concerning restriction of lighting in Ramsgate tunnel shelters will be found in our advertisement columns.

Continuous lighting during daytime will be provided only in the vicinity of the canteen near the Hereson-road entrance.

WOMEN'S CHAT

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

Parsnips Sweet and Sour.

There was such a bumper crop of parsnips last winter that there are still a lot left, so we ought to use them freely while they are still with us. When we have baked them, boiled them, mashed them with hot savoury dripping and breadcrumbs, and otherwise used them in vegetable dishes, there are more novel ways of using them.

We are all missing mother's apple pie just now, but why not ask her to make a parsnip pie instead. It will have a flavour all its own and will make us think that she has invented a new fruit. Here is the recipe for it:

- 1 lb. parsnips
- 3 tablespoonsful sugar
- 2 teacupsful of cold water
- Lemon substitute equivalent to the juice of three lemons (if there is a clove left in the spice tin, now is the time to use it)
- Short crust

Pare the parsnips thinly, cut into small dice, removing any little woody fibres. Stew it gently with the water, sugar and lemon substitute and the clove. Cool, put into a pie-dish and cover with a nice short crust. Bake a golden brown.

Mr. G. le B. Diamond, M.Inst.Mech.E., Controller for the region. Mr. Diamond, Gas Adviser, South-Eastern Region, has been appointed Deputy Fuel and Power for many years Engineer and Manager of the Folkestone Gas and Coke Co. and Manager of the Dover Gas Co., now holds a similar position with the Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham Gas Co.

GIVE EVERY SCRAP

RAMSGATE RUBBER SALVAGE DRIVE

Ramsgate's big salvage drive is on.

Scrap paper and scrap metal are essential, but of even greater importance at the present time is the salvage of scrap rubber.

Next week is rubber salvage week in Ramsgate, and depots are being established at Messrs. Olby's, King-street, and a Corporation store at the Market.

Since the Japanese invasion in the Pacific Great Britain has lost the source of the bulk of its rubber supplies.

Rubber is as vital an instrument of war as petrol and munitions. Planes cannot fly without it, guns cannot be made without it. This is a war of mobility and mobility requires rubber.

The losses we have sustained in the Far East can at least in part be made up by the salvage of rubber scrap. In every town and village throughout the country there are vast quantities of rubber serving no useful purpose, and it is imperative that these supplies shall be diverted to the war effort.

Here are few of the things you may be able to contribute: old motor car, cycle and pram tyres, hot water bottles, kitchen utensils, rubber mats, rubber boots, garden hose, air cushions, etc.

Mackintoshes are of no use, as the rubber content is very small.

All rubber collected during the week will go direct to a Government depot.

STARLESS THANET

NOT ON BAEDEKER BOMBING LIST

Here's a bit of good news at last! The Thanet towns are **not** on the Karl Baedeker Three-star Bombing List! Alas for the civic pride of coastal Thanetonians, they can't muster up a single star between 'em—and that lets 'em out of the Luftwaffe's "reprisal raids." Or does it? Karl Baedeker's Guide to Britain, complete with maps and plans showing docks and barracks, is now the handbook of the most sinister of tourists—the culture-crushing German airmen.

It was written by one H. A. Piehler, who is credited with having travelled 10,000 miles by car in this country, collecting his information from town clerks and deans of cathedrals, superior officials of transport companies and even the Office of Works.

And his maps, though "made and printed in Germany," are based, **by permission**, mark you, on our own Ordnance Survey which is so efficient that it earns this tribute from the enemy: "No other country possesses a national survey of such completeness."

The enthusiastic Mr. Piehler, however, doesn't seem to have been particularly impressed by his own survey of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs.

He didn't see, in the three towns, a single building or monument worth starring (and therefore scarring), and he had to go as far inland as Minster before he could award one of Karl's commended-for-culture asterisks to this corner of the country. And that, not because of St. Augustine, or Hengist and Horsa, but because Minster Junction (refreshments obtainable) possesses a Church containing "interesting stalls and misericords."

There is another point about Baedeker which seems to indicate that Thanet's fate is not in the stars. For the guidebook has a habit of awarding minor asterisks to those hotels which are "believed to be especially good of their class." Mr. Piehler didn't find a single hotel in Ramsgate that justified such a belief, only two in Margate and one in Broadstairs that did.

While former Ramsgate hotel-keepers, wherever they may now be, are disposing of this raspberry, so unkindly handed to them from a publishing house in Leipzig, they can also take unto their bosoms such comfort as is to be derived from the Baedeker description of Margate. This declares Ramsgate's neighbour to be "one of the oldest and most popular, though no longer one of the most select, watering-places in England." Out of the mouths of babes and Baedekers . . And a quiet night to you all!

C.A.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Journey's End.—R. C. Sheriff's famous play, "Journey's End," is being presented by "The Coasters" at St. George's Church Hall, Ramsgate, at 7.15 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 9th May amounted to £2,446. This sum was made up of £591 in savings certificates, £295 in defence bonds, £100 in 3 per cent. savings bonds and an increase of £1,460 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Death of Mrs. G. Fassam.—The death occurred at a nursing home last week of Mrs. Annie Louise Fassam, wife of Mr. George Fassam, of No. 9 West Cliff-road, who has carried on business as a chimney sweep in Ramsgate for over 35 years. Mrs. Fassam, who was 68 years of age, had not been well for some time past and entered the nursing home about a month ago.

A Concert arranged by Miss Kathleen Perry, L.R.A.M., M.R.S.T., will be held in the Centenary Hall, Hardres-street, Ramsgate, at 6.45 on Thursday, 21st May. Artistes taking part will be Miss Kathleen Perry, L.R.A.M., M.R.S.T., Miss O. M. Vyse and Mr. Bert French, A.R.C.O. A collection will be taken in aid of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund.

NO MORE PULLMANS

The Southern Railway announce that as from Friday there will be no Pullman or restaurant car facilities on the services between London and Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate.

ON THE OFFENSIVE

THANET HOME GUARD IS READY

The 6th (Thanet) Battalion, Kent Home Guard, is on the offensive.

If the Nazis attempt an invasion of the shores of Thanet they will not find the Home Guard on the defensive. After two years training they are a battalion with a punch and they will have the privilege of helping to hurl the enemy back into the sea.

To celebrate the second anniversary of the formation of the Home Guard the 6th Battalion paraded at Margate on Sunday and gave a demonstration of their dash and skill.

The Home Guard is no longer a broomstick Army and from the senior officers down to the newest recruit there is a determination to gain thorough efficiency in the use of the powerful weapons with which they are now armed.

Led by a band from a famous regiment and the Battalion's Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. C. S. F. Witts, T.D.), the men marched in procession from the Casino, Marine-terrace, to St. George's Hotel, Cliftonville, where the salute was taken by Bgdr. M. A. James, V.C., M.C. The Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare), the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Councillor B. J. Pearson, C.C., Chairman of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council, the Chief Constable of Margate (Mr. W. Palmer) and Capt. S. Hopkins, R.N., were among those who accompanied the Brigadier.

A drumhead service followed at the Queen's Lawns bandstand, the Rev. M. E. R. Mannox, C.F., officiating.

Formidable Force.

In an address to the men, Mr. Mannox recalled the days when the Home Guard uniform was an armlet and their only weapons shot guns and pistols. Since then the Home Guard had become a formidable fighting force. The Prime Minister assured them they were growing much stronger but they must use that strength rightly, which was God's purpose, and for the benefit of mankind. There was a great deal of difference between a gangster armed with a Tommy-gun and a policeman armed with a Tommy-gun. At the moment Germany was in control of most of Europe but the people of occupied countries were still resisting.

Mr. Mannox especially mentioned Norway, and the manner in which their clergy, bishops and school teachers had refused to come under the Nazi heel.

"No one knows when this battalion will be called upon to take part in active operations," he said, "but if it does you can make or mar its name. We entered this war with the thought of self-preservation in our minds, but now thousands of people in occupied Europe are depending on us and our cause."

After the service units of the Home Guard gave a demonstration in the use of modern weapons at The Oval. They swept into action with machine-guns, Tommy-guns and Northover projectors. The bullet ridden targets and the smouldering remains of an old car were ample proof of their accuracy and skill.

Zone Commander's Tribute.

Col. H. S. Franklin, Zone Commander, Kent Home Guard, writes to the Editor:

Sir,—On Thursday the Home Guard celebrated its second birthday.

I think I can safely say that the Kent Home Guard has grown into a very healthy youngster and is worthy both of its breeding, by Patriotism out of Peril, and of the county of Kent.

That this is so is very largely due to our good fortune in having stationed in the county considerable numbers of regular troops, to whom the Kent Home Guard owe a lasting debt of gratitude for their teaching, their cooperation, and their comradeship.

From the senior commanders down to the rank and file, all ranks have ungrudgingly given their time, their skill, and their labour to improving the efficiency of the Home Guard.

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NAVAL WAR LIBRARIES

Sir,—The Royal Naval War Libraries have now established their Local Collecting Centre at this address, and gifts of books, magazines, "ship halfpennies" and donations will be gratefully received.

We all appreciate the work of our sailors and their great need for recreation—there are many lonely outposts throughout the Empire, and many ships where books are the only recreative comfort. More and more are needed, therefore the R.N.W.L. look for a great response.

(Mrs.) M. J. McDONALD
Honorary Secretary.

2 West Cliff-villas,
Ramsgate.

WHITSUN DANCES AT RAMSGATE

An attractive programme of dances, at which music will be provided by popular Fred Hargraves and his orchestra, has been arranged for Whitsun at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate.

On Saturday dancing will be from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. and on Monday from 8 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

BROADSTAIRS

Visit of Mrs. Rose.—Mrs. Rose, wife of the Bishop of Dover, addressed a meeting of the Holy Trinity, Broadstairs, St. Peter's and Reading Street Mothers' Unions last week.

Concert Party Visitors.—For the benefit of troops stationed in the district, the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and his Troopers Concert Party gave an entertainment at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

Social League.—A gala and sports week were among proposals put forward at a meeting of the sub-committee of the recently formed Broadstairs Social League, held at Pierremont Hall on Tuesday. A general meeting, at which the matter will be further considered, is being held to-day. People interested in indoor and outdoor sports are invited to attend.

RAMSGATE RUBBER SCRAP WEEK

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FREEDOM

AND THE TIME TO COME

By R. H. MOTTRAM

Those of us who remember vividly the incident of 1914 to 1918 cannot fail to be struck by certain similarities both in the situation in which we find ourselves and the way it is expressed.

Then, the to-day almost forgotten figure of the Kaiser Wilhelm the Second symbolised something that we could not understand or admit the existence of . . . a delusion of the German mind that simple Might, to use the German word, meaning force, military preparedness, and ruthless efficiency, conferred the Right to govern Europe, and presumably as much of the world as it could overrun.

Now a very different figure, a man from an Austrian slum, has replaced the landed aristocrat, but with how small a difference? He says the same sort of things, in the same sort of tone, and feels, in the same way, insulted that anybody should disagree or resist.

It may well be admitted that many Germans then, as we learned between 1920 and 1930, had grave misgivings that culminated in open revolution in 1918. Many of us suspect that large numbers of Germans, decent and kindly folk amid whom we have spent pleasant holidays, harbour the same sort of doubts this very day. But the fact remains that, for four years, between 1914 and 1918 they did not dare to express any opposition, and again, from 1939, or earlier, there has been a general acquiescence, willing or not, inside Germany with the things that are being done in the name of the German people.

That is the enemy we are fighting, for the second time in a generation, how unwillingly, and with what little preparation in these years of the 1940s, as in those of 25 years ago. It is useful, therefore, to remind ourselves that the symbol of all we are opposed to at this moment, who happens to be called Fuehrer instead of Kaiser, will most probably become as insignificant a figure of past history as is to-day that of the ex-Kaiser, who lately died in exile.

There remains the thing with which we are concerned.

Rule of Might.

Are the peoples of Europe, and by inference those beyond Europe, to live as they feel they ought, with the religious, linguistic and trade customs to which they are used, or are they to do as they are told by a relatively small number of people in or near Berlin, with the passive agreement of the German-speaking peoples? (We may dismiss Germany's "Allies" of the moment, for Italy is subordinate to, and Japan imitative of, the German theory of "Might.")

There can be only one answer to this question, and that answer is so positive that nothing else would ever have induced the unmilitary and peace-loving people of these islands and the overseas dominions to leave their leisure and their sports, their high standard of comfort, perhaps the highest in the world with the exception of that of the United States, and possibly Holland and Denmark, and turn themselves into a great fighting machine similar to that under which most continental and all aggressor nations groan all the time.

Now that there are ranged on our side all the major nations of the world, with their overwhelming resources, the result, though possibly postponed, can hardly be in doubt, and in English-speaking countries at least few people expect the rule of Might to be successful or permanent.

Post-War Reconstruction.

It is therefore a healthy and encouraging sign that we have heard a good deal lately about post-war reconstruction, not only in Parliament and the press, but in the canteen and billets in which the young men and women of the fighting services meet when off duty.

There are certain things taken for granted which can be summarised by saying that we, the Allies, agree that Norwegians, for instance, shall speak Norwegian, run their churches and schools as they wish, and conduct their timber and fish trade with whom they like. That is simple. A more complicated question arises in India, where we have withdrawn a proposition to grant to a huge population, largely composed of very poor cultivators and town workers, a form of self-government, on the British model, which seemed to us likely to be dominated by parties not truly representative of numerous racial and religious minorities. It has been described, graphically but not exactly, as an Irish problem on a huge scale.

Yet a third kind of problem will be before us, perhaps sooner than we think, that of racial minorities in eastern and central Europe. Here we have some sort of guidance as to what we must not do, for unlike the fate of Norway and Holland and India, which have never been seriously challenged before, our previous attempt to settle Baltic and Danubian questions, while disinterested, was certainly unsuccessful.

Possibly we can see clearly already one or two principles which must be observed. One has been brought to our notice by recent Indian debate and by long-standing uneasiness in Eastern Europe. It is that mere separatism is not enough. Certain of the smaller European and Indian units cannot live in water-tight compartments. Much as we may wish it, we cannot imagine an entirely free and independent Magyar or Croat or several kinds of smaller Indian community. They have got to be fitted, or better still fit themselves, into the mosaic which is human existence.

Fear of Insecurity.

And here one primary condition may help us. Many a modern community, not only the small ones, but great Russia and Germany, have lately known the pinch of hunger, and India did so not long ago. To-day peaceful Sweden and Switzerland are pinched as never before. We cannot be separate, we must help one another. The basis of the real new order will not be Might, but the necessity of the housewife bending over the cooking pot upon the fire. Our worst fault, in the dispositions of 1918, was, that in our anxiety (and Great Britain was not the only or worst offender) for military security, we disturbed so many peoples' means of livelihood. We did not even solve our own unemployment problem, nor that of the great community of the future, the United States of America. Here surely we might have looked for a solution of our troubles, for every race and language is melted into the great structure of the Republic of North America and scarcely less so in the Argentine. Yet even that amalgamation was not proof against the haunting fear of domestic insecurity.

There is less excuse for us this time. The lessons are there, to be learned. Under the pressure of necessity the means of distribution of the total ample means of a decent life is in our hands. The future of humanity is not in the melting pot, but in the cooking pot, and the provision of a higher standard of living is the real guarantee of the Time to Come.

ARCHBISHOP TO VISIT RAMSGATE

The new Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) is to address a special service to be held at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on the afternoon of Sunday, 19th July.

QUARTERLY SESSION

EAST KENT TEMPLARS AT BROADSTAIRS

Representatives from Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Margate, Canterbury, Ashford, Sellindge, Herne, Dover, Deal and Folkestone attended the 272nd quarterly session of the East Kent District Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars, held at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Saturday.

Mr. H. Jeffery, of Ashford, District Chief Templar, presided.

The report of the activities connected with each lodge was most encouraging. The Star of the East Lodge, Broadstairs, had experienced a useful quarter and ten members were serving their country. At Ramsgate both the Sunbeam and Advance Lodges lost no opportunity in advocating the principles of Templary. Sixteen members of the lodges were on service.

In his report on the juvenile work, Mr. Harley (Sellindge) paid tribute to the efforts of Mrs. Ware (Broadstairs) and expressed the hope that the Ramsgate branches would soon be able to report progress.

The financial statement was presented by Mrs. Hunt (Ramsgate).

After sympathy had been expressed by Mr. W. H. Jacobsen (Ramsgate), the members stood in tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. J. Adams, a faithful and loyal worker for East Kent Templary, and Smn. C. Miller, R.N., of Broadstairs.

Mr. Victor Chappell (Clevedon, Somerset), who judged the programmes in the District Guide, said the best for the past four quarters was the Advance, Ramsgate. Star of the East, Broadstairs, was second. Sunbeam, Ramsgate, would have been second, or perhaps first, but they presented three programmes only instead of four.

A 90-year-old Templar, Miss E. Whitehead, who is an original trustee of the Templar Hall, spoke of her pleasure at seeing so many members present.

A vote of congratulation on the appointment of Dr. William Temple as Archbishop of Canterbury was carried, and a copy of the resolution is being forwarded to him.

An invitation to hold the summer session at Sheerness was accepted.

The local representatives attending included Mr. A. B. Impett, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. McCabe, Mr. Glover (Broadstairs), Mrs. Fairbrass, Mrs. Britton (temporarily living at Stafford), Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Evison, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Knight, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. S. Hedges, Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. R. Watt, Mrs. Drayson, Mrs. Hearnden, Mrs. Isaacs.

MARGATE

Full-Time Schooling.—Full-time schooling began at four more Margate schools yesterday. They are St. John's Holy Trinity, Westgate Church of England and King Ethelbert's, Birchington. Full-time education at the remaining schools will begin as soon after Whitsun as possible.

Sent to Approved School.—The magistrates at Margate juvenile court on Wednesday ordered that a 15-year-old boy, who was brought before them the previous week as being in need of supervision, should be sent to an approved school for a period not exceeding three years. It was stated that the boy would go to a farm school at Redhill.

CALL-UP OF POLICEMEN

The decision to call up for military service policemen who were 25 years of age or under at the time of registration will mean the departure of a number of men from the Thanet forces.

Nine police officers in Ramsgate are affected and ten in Margate.

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Help for Red Cross.—As a result of a music recital given at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, the sum of 30s. was collected for the British Red Cross Society. Those taking part in the recital were Mr. A. J. Nichols (organ), Bdr. S. H. Bor (violin) and L/Bdr. W. O. Pembury (tenor).

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Harrison.—10th May, at Tunbridge Wells, the wife of A. Harrison, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Lillywhite—Bartingale.—11th May, at St. Lawrence Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. A. H. Culmer, Ldg. Smn. Thomas Gordon Lillywhite, R.N.V.R., to Gladys Rose Bartingale, W.R.N.S., both of Ramsgate.

Wheeler—Abbott.—11th May, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, John James Wheeler to Patricia Agnes Abbott, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Borlase.—9th May, at Ilchester, Newbury, Solomon Borlase, of 39 Hawley-square, Margate, aged 74 years.

Fassam.—10th May, at a nursing home, Annie Louise Fassam, of 9 West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, aged 68 years.

Hall.—16th May, at Providence House, Church-road, Ramsgate, Frederick Hall, aged 78 years.

Kemp.—9th May, Louisa Caroline Kemp, of 19 Belmont-road, Westgate-on-Sea, aged 72 years.

Searles.—10th May, at Alresford, Hants, Percy Albert Searles, aged 81 years.

RETURN THANKS

The sons of the late Frederick Hall, of Providence House, Church-road, Ramsgate, wish to thank the doctor for his kind attention and Mr. W. H. Maskell for his kind services; also neighbours and friends and all who sent floral tributes.

IN MEMORIAM

Maguire.—In sweetest memory of my dearest husband, William Maguire, who was called home 19th May, 1941.—A day of remembrance sad to recall.
—Trafalgar, Fairfield-road, Broadstairs.
He chose no easy path in life, but steered a straight course. When duty called he was always ready to do his best, not for selfish gain; wronging no man. No fear in life or death, he journeyed on until strength failed him. Death hides but cannot divide. To live on in the hearts of those he loved is not to die. Proud to keep his memory; no one could ever take his place. One of the best, now at rest.

Heydon.—In loving remembrance of our dear son, George Frederick Heydon, Bombardier, R.A., who fell in action at Crete, 20th May, 1941. Worthy of remembrance.—Fom his loving Mum and Dad.
—Pauline Villa, Trinity-place, Ramsgate.

Heydon.—In proud and loving memory of our dear brother, George Frederick Heydon, Bombardier, R.A., who fell in action at Crete, 20th May, 1941.—From his sister and brothers on active service.

Cox.—In loving and constant memory of my dear husband, Ernest William, who passed away 21st May, 1940.

No one knows how I miss him,
No one in the world can tell
Of the heartache borne in silence
For the one I loved so well.

Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.
—57 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate.

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